Service Tax

1791. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to impose tax on certain services from 16th July, 2001 as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 10th July, 2001;

(b) if so, which are the services covered under the tax net till date and which are the services exempted therefrom; and

(c) what is the likely amount to be collected by way of service tax during the current financial year and in what manner it is likely to be spent / utilised by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Details are given in Statements *(See* below).

(c) The Budget Estimates from service tax for the current financial year is Rs. 3600 crore. All receipts are credited to the Consolidated Fund and expenditure therefrom is made on the basis of appropriations approved by the Parliament through the Appropriation Bill.

Statement

List of services covered under the tax net till date

S.No	Service	Date of Imposition	Whether exempted
1.	Telephone Connection Services	1.7.94	No
2.	General Insurance Services	1.7.94	No
3.	Stock Broking Services	1.7.94	No
4.	Advertising Services	1.11.96	No
5.	Courier Services	1.11.96	No
6.	Radio Paging Services	1.11.96	No
7.	Custom House Agent Services	15.697	No
8.	Steamer Agent Services	15.6.97	No
9.	Air Travel Agent Services	1.7.97	No
10.	Mandap Keeper Services	1.7.97	No
11.	Clearing and Forwarding Agent Services	16.7.97	No

S.No	Service	Date of Imposition	Whether
12.	Rent A Cab Scheme Operator Services	16.7.97	No
13.	Outdoor Caterers Services	1.8.97	Yes, exempted from
14.	Pandal or Shamiana Contractor Services	1.8.97	Yes, exempted from 2.6.98
15.	Consulting Engineer Services	7.7.97	No
16.	Man Power Recruitment Services	7.7.97	No
17.	Tour Operator Services	1.9.97	No
18.	Goods Transport Operator Services	16.11.97	Yes, exempted from
19.	Architect Services	16.10.98	No
20.	Interior Decoration / Designer	16.10.98	No
21.	Mechanised Slaughter Services	16.10.98	Yes. exempted from
22.	Underwriter Services	16.10.98	No
23.	Credit Rating Agency Services	16.10.98	No
24.	Chartered Accountant Services	16.10.98	No
25.	Cost Accountant Services	16.10.98	No
26.	Company Secretary Services	16.10.98	No
27.	Real Estate Agent / Consultant	16.10.98	No
28.	Security / Detective Agency Services	16.10.98	No
29.	Market Research Agency Services	16.10.98	No
30.	Management Consultant Services	16.10.98	No
31.	Scientific and Technical Consultancy Service	16.7.2001	No
32.	Photography Service	16.7.2001	No
33.	Convention Service	16.7.2001	No
34.	Leased Circuits	16.7.2001	No
35.	Telegraph Service	16.7.2001	No
36.	Telex Service	16.7.2001	No
37.	Facsimile Service	16.7.2001	No
38.	On-line Information and Database access and/or Retrieval Services	16.7.2001	No
39.	Video Tape Production Service	16/7.2001	No
40.	Sound Recording Service	16.7.2001	No
41.	Broadcasting Service	16.7.2001	No
42.	Insurance Auxiliary Services	16.7.2001	No

S.N	Service	Date of	Whether
43.	Banking and other Financial Services		No
44.	16.7.2001 Port Services		No
45.	16.7.2001 Authorised Service Station for 16.7.2001 Servicing of motor car and two wheeled motor vehicle		No

Expenditure of banks on YRS

1792. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some public sector banks have reported sharp decline in their net profit for the year 2000-2001, due to higher provision for making payments to persons who opted for Voluntary Retirement Scheme;

(b) if so, the total amount Government had to bear in above payments upto 31st March, 2001; and

(c) the amount expected to be paid during the current year for the above purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that out of 27 public sector banks, 13 banks have recorded reduction in their net profit in 2000-2001. RBI has further reported that the gross profit of public sector banks, as a group, was Rs. 13792.96 crore during the year 2000-2001, against Rs. 13066.36 crore during the year 1999-2000, representing an increase of Rs. 726.60 crore. RBI has further reported that the net profit of public sector banks as a group was Rs. 4316.97 crore during the year 2000-2001, against Rs. 5116.18 crore during 1999-2000, representing a decrease by Rs. 799.21 crore.

(b) RBI has reported that as per the provisional data made available to it by the banks and data compiled from their published balance sheets, the amount charged to the profit & loss account by the public sector banks towards VRS expenditure during the year 2000-2001 was Rs. 3062.60 crore.

(c) RBI has reported that the total cost of VRS to the public sector banks is Rs. 10262.94 crore, of which Rs. 7200.34 crore is to be carried over as deferred revenue expenditure to be charged over the next four years.